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COUNTRY East Germany

25X1 REPORT NO.

TOPIC Schkeuditz Airfield

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 29 April to 10 June 1953

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 1 July 1953

REFERENCES 25X1

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE) 1 - sketch on ditto with legend

REMARKS

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1. On 29 April 1953, 30 to 40 workers were clearing and grading the area south of the main building at Schkeuditz airfield. The four watchtowers at the field were not occupied. On 22 May, no construction work was observed at the field or was there any activity on the landing field. The guardhouse was occupied by Volkspolizei wearing blue patches.

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2. On 12 May, exterior work on the quartering buildings at the field was completed. No other construction work was observed. The watchtowers were not occupied, however, the guardhouse was occupied by two VPs armed with pistols. On 10 June, the three-story quartering buildings at the field were being utilized as a headquarters. There was intensive traffic by civilian personnel and motor vehicles. Telephone lines connected the watchtowers. A barbed wire fence, 2 meters high, extended aft of the watchtowers toward the north. The guardhouse and a watchtower were occupied by VP. Source made a layout sketch of the buildings at the field.

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3. In May, no rail shipments of construction material arrived at the field.

25X1 Comment. The report does not contain any indications with regard to a possible reoccupation of Schkeuditz airfield. For layout sketch of buildings at the field, see Annex.

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Layout Sketch of Buildings at Schkeuditz Airfield

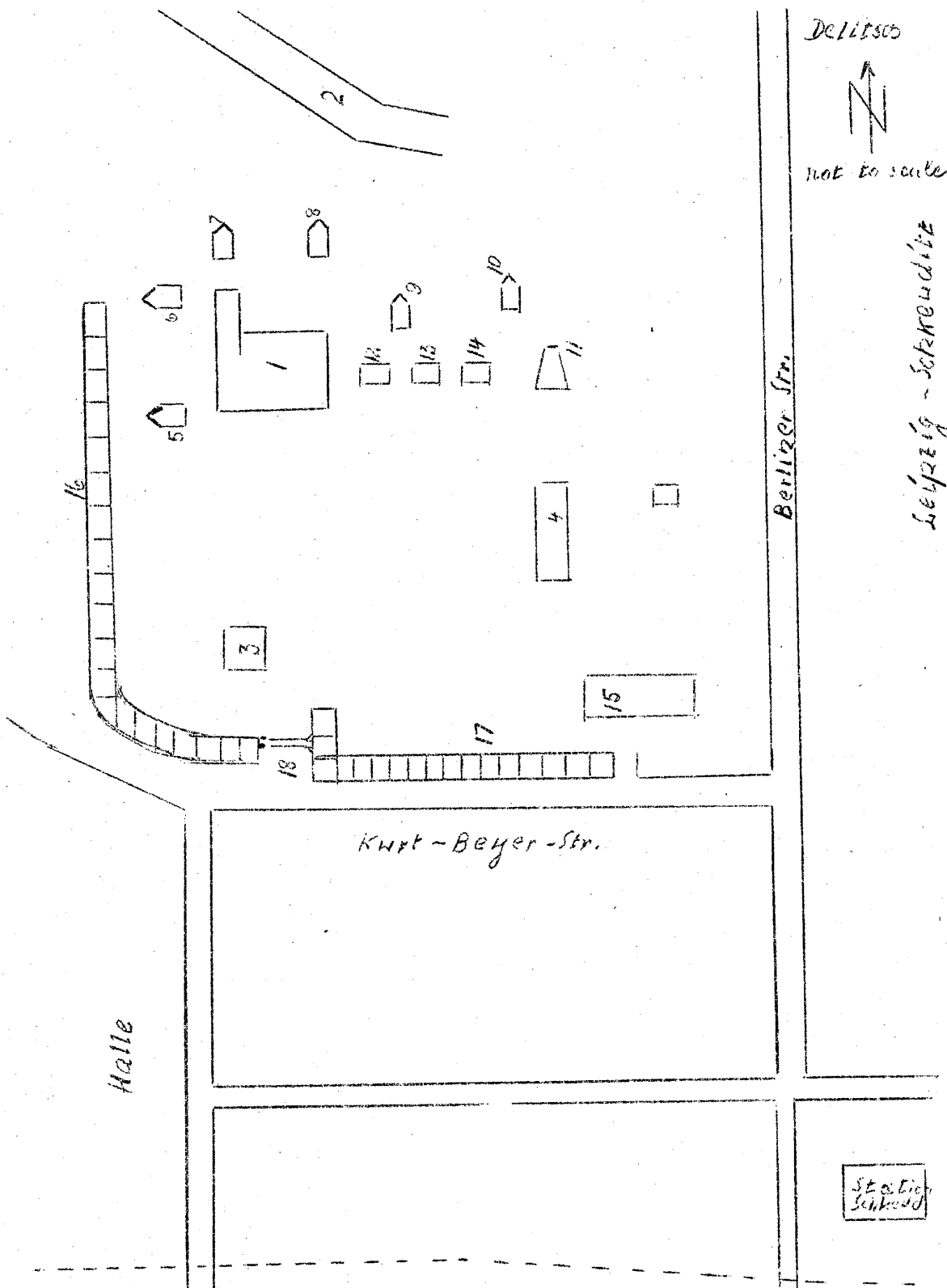
Legend:

- 1 Three-story quartering buildings, each building with 38 windows
- 2 Runway
- 3 Guardhouse with three windows
- 4 Mess
- 5 through 10 Watchtowers with two searchlights each
- 11 Smokestack
- 12, 13 and 14 Temporary buildings for workers
- 15 Pumping station
- 16 and 17 Brick walls
- 18 Barrier

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